Obituaries

Mrs. James L. Collins

Mrs. Hallie Payne Collins, 69, of 124 Morris Ave., died early Friday morning in Lynchburg General Hospital. Her husband is James L. Collins.

Born in Virginia, she was a daughter of Mrs. Irma Coleman Payne of Pamplin and the late Walter Payne, Sr. She was a member of Elon Baptist Church and the AARP.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is survived by a son, Earl Osborne of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. James Daughtrey and Mrs. Audrey Smith, both of Norfolk; two stepsons, James Collins and Mark Collins, both of Randolph, Mass.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter Payne Jr. of Pamplin, and three sisters, Mrs. Doris Phflimlin and Mrs. Margaret Daniels, both of California, and Mrs. Nell Van Hoose of Florida.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday from Piney Ridge United Methodist Church cemetery by the Revs. William Trimeyer and Thomas Boggs.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements..

Mrs. Samuel T. Cyrus

Elizabeth Moore Cyrus, 82, of Route 2, Rustburg, died at 1:50 a.m. Sunday in Lynchburg General Hospital after a short illness. Her husband was the late Samuel T. Cyrus.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of the late William L. Moore and Judith Tibbs Moore. She was a member of Rustburg United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Edward M. Cyrus of Norristown, Pa., and Willie B. Cyrus of Gladstone; three daughters, Mrs. W. F. (Margaret) Quinn of Amherst, Mrs. John M. (Mary) Ehnot of Oaks, Pa., and Mrs. Charles A. (Ginny) Radford of Forest; three brothers, Hubert Moore and Herbert Moore, both of Rustburg, and W. Lewis Moore of Gates City; two sisters, Mrs. Emma M. Daniel and Miss Josie Moore, both of Rustburg; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Hugh Harris. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Glenmore A. Feagans

Glenmore Anthony Feagans, 62, of Big Island, died at 9:05 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife is Irene Arthur Feagans.

Born in Sewickly, Pa., he was a son of Doreen Oliver Feagans of Route 4, Lynchburg, and the late Clarence William Feagans. He was a retired employee of Owens-Illinois at Big Island. He was a member of Cove United Methodist Church where he taught the men's Bible class. He was a member of the Liberty Masonic Lodge No. 0095 in Bedford, the Bedford Royal Arch No. 60 and the Community Alert Patrol.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Earl Glenn Feagans of Bedford; two daughters, Mrs. Wiley W. (Pat) Warmer Jr. of Concord and Mrs. Lawrence H. (Peggy) Callahan III of Lynchburg and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Robert Dunn. Burial was in Boonsboro Cemetery.

Howard M. Ferguson

Howard Marshall Ferguson, 70, of Route 2, died at 3 p.m. Sunday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late John Marshal Ferguson and Leola Smith Ferguson. He was a retired employee of the E. J. Lavino Co. and a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Odell Mayberry Ferguson; two sons, Howard Eugene Ferguson and Lloyd Wayne Ferguson, both of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Nancy F. Litchford of Appomattox; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Wilson R. Ferguson of Appomattox, Norman L. Ferguson of Spout Spring and Roy H. Ferguson of Salem; and two sisters, Mrs. Alma F. Woody and Mrs. Mae F. Williamson, both of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Edward Leonard. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robert L. Hubbard

Robert Lee Hubbard died Thursday morning in Virginia Baptist Hospital. He lived at Route 2, Concord.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late John and Mrs. Mary Lambert Hubbard. He was a member of the Mount Obed Baptist Church, Concord.

He is survived by three brothers, Thomas Hubbard, Samuel Hubbard and Henry Hubbard, all of Concord; a sister, Mrs. Faye Panell of Long Island, N.Y.; an aunt, Mrs. Bell Bosman of Washington, D.C., and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 1:30 p.m. from Mount Obed Baptist Church. The Rev. C. L. Elliott officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Joseph W. Price

PAMPLIN-Ruby Tweed Price, 63, of Pamplin, died at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in Lynchburg General Hospital. Her husband is Joseph W. Price.

Born in Madison County, N.C., she was a daughter of the late Horace Tweed and Alpha Shelton Tweed.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Clyde L. Price of Richmond; two daughters, Mrs. Joanne P. O'Brien of Appomattox and Mrs. Linda P. Peters of Pamplin; a brother, Clyde Tweed of Irwin, Tenn., 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Clarence Davis. Burial was in Pamplin Cemetery.

Mrs. Edward T. Trent, Sr.

Mrs. Lee Anna Poe Trent, 92, of Route 3, Hyland Drive, Rustburg, died in Lynchburg General Hospital Friday.

She was born in Appomattox County, the daughter of the late Robert Lee Poe and Lee Anna Jamerson Poe. She was the widow of Edward T. Trent Sr. She was a member of Central Baptist Church at Altavista.

Surviving are two sons, Sydnor S. Trent of Lynchburg and Edward T. Trent Jr. of Rustburg; two daughters, Eltha T. Winston and Vivian T. Crowder, both of Rustburg; a sister, Mrs. Valia Pruitt of Hopewell; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at Fort Hill Memorial Park Monday at 1 p.m.

Diuguid Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Elijah Walker Wheeler

Elijah Walker Wheeler departed this life Thursday, April 17, 1980 at around 11 a.m. in the Radford Community Hospital. He was 75.

He was born Feb. 1, 1905 to the late James and Estell Wheeler of Appomattox County. During his early years he married Lettie Mae Clark, after which they made their home in Radford. He accepted Christ as his Saviour at an early age. About two years ago he united with the New River Baptist Temple Church of Radford, where he remained until his death.

Elijah retired from Norfolk and Western Railroad where he was employed for 36 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lettie Mae Clark Wheeler, four sisters, Mrs. Susie Patterson, Mrs. Estelle Hamlett, Mrs. Nannie Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen; one brother, Mr. William Wheeler of Portsmouth, Ohio; one nephew, Bentley Clark, and a host of relatives and friends.

During his illness he bore his suffering with boldness and with faith in God.

St. Luke news

With the lovely spring day to our advantage, a large group of friends and members were out to attend the regular preaching service at the St. Luke Church Sunday, April 20 at the 11 p.m. service. Everyone was so happy to have Rev. J. E. McLaughlin back at church. After going through an illness of some weeks, he was in charge and Rev. Alvin Jones assisted him with the devotions. The Junior and Senior Choirs, combined gave the music. Mrs. Josephine Nowlin was at the piano.

Rev. McLaughlin had the regular conference with the little children. He then gave the message for the day. Text was found in Jude 24-25."Now unto him who is able to keep you from stumbling and falling for glory and honor act." The subject was "Disturbing Signs of Decaying Spirits." This was well taken. The offering was good.

The ones who had been ill and under surgery were present at the services. Namely Mrs. Sally Evans, Mrs. Catherine Tweedy, Mrs. Evans testified how great God was to her .

St. Luke Choir and pastor are invited to Mt. Pleasant for Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m. for the pastor's anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gains are moving into their new home on Rt. 1, Concord. We hope for them much happiness and success.

Pamplin news

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin were weekend house guests of Mrs. C. H. Canada.

Mr. Andrew Prophet, of New Jersey, was home to visit his mother for the spring vacation from school. He and his mother, Mrs. Aratna Prophet, Mrs. Louis Blankenship visited Mrs. Henrietta Venerable in Liberty House Nursing Home. While he was home, Mrs. Venerable recognized and got joy out of their visit. She even sang for them as she was in her active life a musical instructor.

Rev. Alvin Jones, Mrs. Anna Canada went to Washington Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative there. Other members went, also.

The Emancipation Celebration was held at the St. Luke Church April 12 and was very good. It consisted of poems, songs and reading relative to the occasion. Mr. Andrew Prophet was a special speaker to the History to the Improvement of the Black People and why they should have a high perspective in life.

The ladies of the church served lunch to the guests. It was enjoyed.

Eight of the senior citizens went to Lynchburg Home and Hospital to do voluntary work as usual on Friday. Mrs. Stella Hurtt was not quite well enough to go and she was missed. We are hoping for her a speedy come back in health.

Sympathy is extended to the following families of Mr. Ernest Harwood, Sr., Mrs. Ruby Tweed Price and Mrs. Hallie Payne Collins.

Mr. Howard Shorter underwent surgery last Wednesday at Veterans Administration Hospital, on Sunday.

Quite a number attended the funeral of Mrs. Hallie Payne Collins on Sunday afternoon at Piney Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge had as their guest last week Mrs. Inge cousins, Mrs. J. B. Garrett, Woodbridge, Va. and Mrs. Milton Garrison of Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Lloyd Inge, Mrs. Horace Coleman, Mrs. Conrad Seymour, Mrs. Tivis Reeves, Mrs. R. M. Adams and Mrs. C. A. Jamerson of Pamplin Homemaker Club attended the Achievement Day at Halifax last Thursday. General Sam D. Wilson, Ret., was guest speaker and spoke on "Troubled Future."

Mrs. Wynema Venerable was a caller in the home of Mrs. C. H. Canada recently.

The Southern Jubilee Singers will sing at the Hat Creek Baptist Church Sunday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Benefit of the Junior Choir. Please come and enjoy a rich song program.

Mrs. Louise Blankenship is now in Washington, D.C. visiting her daughter and hen husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thornhill, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. C. V. Wingfield on Thursday.

Mrs. Tommy Harris is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Johnson of Castlewood, spent last weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Williams, Jr.

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212-7 pc. Screw driver sets
308-Allen wrenches
1000's-Hacksaw Blds
86-Hand saws
93-40 pc. Tape & Die
118-4pc. Pipe wrenches
500-Bundles of electrical tape
82-Channel locks
152-Paint brushes
96-Flashlights
82-D Cell Batteries
71-Hex bit sets
61-Padlocks
62-100' Trouble lites
72-¼" Socket sets
54-Garden hose
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31-16 pc Wrench sets
43-11pc Wrench sets
26-9pc Wrench set
91-7pc Wrench set
53-12pc Punch and Chisel
35-½" Socket sets
22-Rachet wrenches
12-Flex rachets
152-4pc Tune-up kits
16-Flex sockets
82-21 pc. ¼ & 3/8 sockets
47-40 pc. Socket sets
23-29pc Drill bits
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Electrical Tools
8-½" Electric impacts
5-Jig saws
15-12-3 Heavy cord
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6-Disc grinders
16-Circular saws
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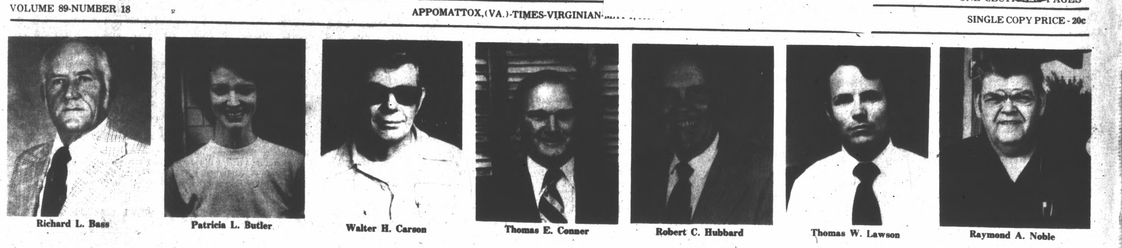


Richard L. Bass — Patricia L. Butler — Walter H. Carson — Thomas E. Conner — Robert C. Hubbard — Thomas W. Lawson — Raymond A. Noble

Seven vie for 6 Appomattox Council seats

Seven candidates will vie for six seats on the Appomattox Town Council in the town election to be held Tuesday (May 6) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voting will take place in the court house.

Incumbents running for re-election are Richard L. Bass, Thomas W. Lawson, Robert C. Hubbard, and Thomas E. "Sonny" Conner.

Running for political office for the first time are Patricia J. Butler, Walter H. Carson, and Raymond A. Noble.

Current Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle is the only person who filed to run for the mayor's seat.

The candidates are seeking two-year terms on the Appomattox Town Council.

Following is a brief background sketch and platform statement from each of the seven candidates for the town council seats:

Patricia L. Butler

A 26-year-old Louisa native, Butler has been a resident of Appomattox for the past six years. She is a teacher at the elementary school.

Butler says she had planned to run for "a long time" before filing for the election.

"I think Appomattox is a nice place to live, and I'd like to keep it that way," she says. "I'd also like to see more kinds of community cooperation within the town," she adds.

Butler has been active as a lobbyist for education during her career as a teacher.

Walter H. Carson

Carson, a 47-year-old employee of Moses Motor Company who has lived in Appomattox since 1943, says he is running in the election because of a personal interest in the mechanisms of local government.

"I want to learn more about what goes on in the council, and about how decisions which affect the town are reached," he notes.

Carson says he is also interested in the relationship between county and town government.

"If I'm not elected, that's alright," says Carson. "I just hope everybody turns out to vote."

Richard L. Bass

Bass, a councilman for the past four years and vice-mayor for the past two, says he is "most concerned with the welfare of the citizens of Appomattox."

Te 54-year-old owner of Bass and Milton Construction Company wants to prevent obligating people in Appomattox for "money they don't have to spend."

Bass says he had planned not to run for re-election, but was convinced by current council members to seek another term on the council.

"I want to see Appomattox grow, but it has to be controlled growth," he says.

Thomas E. "Sonny" Conner

"My platform is simply that I want to serve the community," says Conner, a 40-year-old who has been a member of the town council for the past 10 years.

Conner, who works at the Transcontinental Pipeline station near town, says he wants to see the Route 460 bypass become a reality. "And I am concerned about sewage treatment for the town," he adds.

Raymond A. Noble

"I decided to run for office because I'm opposed to federal sewer and water assistance," says Noble, a 50-year-old native of Williamstown, Mass.

Noble, who with his wife, Janet owns and operates the Travellers Inn Motel, has been a resident of Appomattox for the past 12 years.

"If we have to go for it "the federal sewer assistance), then the charge should be based on the amount of water used, not the number of lines coming into a building," he notes.

Noble also says he believes the county, not the town, should provide water to any apartment building built outside the town limits.

"Above all else, I would work to be of service to everyone, to help everyone I could, if elected," he concludes.

Robert C. Hubbard

A member of the town council for the last 14 years, Robert C. Hubbard says his primary reason for running for a town council seat is to "contribute to the way of life in Appomattox."

"As a citizen of Appomattox since I was one year old, I am today concerned with contributing whatever I can for the betterment of the community," says Hubbard.

Hubbard retired from a position with Merck, Sharp and Dohme, pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Thomas W. Lawson

Completing his first term on the town council, Lawson says he would like to see some of the projects begun during his two years as a councilman through to their ends.

"Living in town, I'm interested in the welfare of Appomattox," he says. "I want to see it grow, and at the same time keep its smalltown atmosphere."

Lawson notes that among the projects that most interest him are the town sewer and water facilities, and an update of the zoning ordinance.

No contest for Pamplin election

If all goes as expected, the Pamplin governmental body will have three new faces after Tuesday's election.

The voting will take place between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the town fire hall.

Jim Webb, a 36-year-old native of Appomattox County, is the only person who filed to run for the mayor's seat.

He will replace Jim Williams, who decided not to seek re-election.

Webb is the manager of the Amelia Dress Company factory in Pamplin.

"I'd like to see certain improvements in the town," says Webb. "Right now, I think Pamplin is at a standstill. We could do certain things, such as get water in town, which would stimulate growth," he says.

Webb is a member of the Pamplin Ruritan Club and the Jaycees, for which he served as a state director.

William L. Trimyer, 35, will run for one of the two vacant council seats. He is pastor of the Elon Baptist Church.

A native of Portsmouth who has lived in Pamplin two years, Trimyer says he decided to run for the council because he "wants to improve the quality of life in town."

"I'm interested in the governmental process, too," he adds. "But mainly, I'm concerned with the quality of life in town."

The third newcomer to Pamlin politics is Margaret Elder Payne, who is running for the second open council seat.

A 59-year-old native of Charlotte County who moved to Pamplin last July after retiring from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Payne says she is running because she has "always been interested in politics."

During her tenure eith C&P, she became involved in politics, working with the communications workers of America union. It was there that she became interested in governmental procedures.

She is a member of Rocks Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, as well as the Virginia Historical Society and the Virginia Geneological Society.

She is the widow of the late Osby L. Payne of Bedford.

The other members of the council -- incumbents George W. Young, Jesse Malcolm Inge, Thomas C. Ligon and Roy P. Lucado -- are all veterans of six or more years of public service on the Pamplin Council.

Spiggle and Britton will testify before Congress

By BILL SHERROD

Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle and Town Manager Bill Britton will testify before Congress within two weeks, seeking to have federal sewer regulations for small towns reassessed.

The announcement was made last week at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council.

It is one of several developments involving the proposed wastewater treatment project for Appomattox County.

In a related development, Council members authorized Spiggle and Britton to approach the state water control board to seek support for a plan to alter the town's federal sewer-grant funding request.

Britton said he received a call from Charles Massey of the water control board, who informed the town manager that additional money is now available for wastewater treatment plant planning. For the town to receive this money, it would have to write an "addendum" to its existing sewer-renovation plan.

The addendum would be written so as to allow Appomattox the options of: 1) using the money for a study on the cost of renovating its existing sewer facilities; 2) funding a study on the feasibility of cutting down the sewer service area so that a smaller plant could be built to service the town of Appomattox; 3) renovating existing sewer facilities and using them as a part of a total new system, to be built sometime in the future; 4) building a regional wastewater facility, but building it a step at a time as need dictates, rather than all at once.

Britton said Appomattox could get 10 percent of the funds for construction immediately, with a letter of assurance on the remainder of the funds (which would be used for construction costs) provided the president and congress release the freeze on funds which would be used to assist small towns in upgrading their sewer systems.

Council members debated the merits of seeking the addendum, since the council expressed its desire to divorce itself from federal grant money at its last regular monthly meeting.

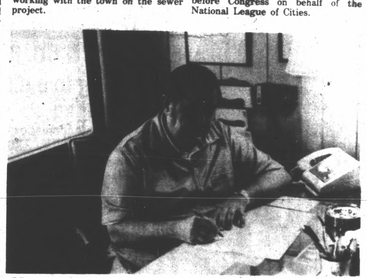
However, Britton pointed out that if the council sticks to its decision to refuse federal funding and subsequently fails to upgrade its sewer system to meet environmental standards, it could be forced to stop all sewer hookups, business and residential, by the EPA. The town of Farmville is currently under such a moratorium.

Britton and Spiggle will try to rally support for the plan with the assistance of Millard Rice, a representative of the state water quality board who has been working with the town on the sewer project.

The mayor and town manager attended a meeting in Richmond recently in which representatives from various towns and cities in Virginia gave overwhelming support to the idea of seeking reduced federal control of water and sewer standards.

Britton said resolutions were written to Congress, the governor, and the state water control board seeking assistance in establishment of the federal EPA standards.

The local men were chosen to testify before Congress on behalf of the National League of Cities.



DR. S. R. LAWSON, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors, signs a proclamation declaring the week of May 4-11 as "Extension Homemakers Week" in Appomattox County. The Times-Virginian salutes the homemakers this week with a special tabloid supplement inside.

Town limits new hookups

In a special meeting Monday night, the Appomattox Mayor and Council voted to adopt a policy limiting sewer connections to residences and businesses within the town limits.

Town Manager Bill Britton said Tuesday that the move was made because of the increasing possibility that Appomattox will not get federal funding for upgrading its sewer system.

The self-imposed moratorium will affect only business or residences outside the town limits. Hook-ups will still be made on buildings within the town, with council's approval.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings from Martha Street. Not as much rain as expected over the weekend, but Sunday at 4:20 p.m. I was standing at my front door during a brief thunderstorm, when hailstones bounced on the pavement. Not many but a reminder of seasonal weather patterns.

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Lots of garden and yard work done over the weekend. One friend reported garden peas up three inches. I am waiting for a discing job before can get started. Azaleas are in bloom. I have a few, but best display have seen around town is at the front of Robinson Funeral Home. Also at the John Sam Martins. Lilacs in bloom. I have two, given us by the late Mrs. A. J. Zastrow. And dogwood, pinks and white.

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Cruising around town, admired a wonderful display of phlox, Edgewood Street, at home of Mrs. Nellie P. Almond. In fact, the Almond home and yard is a showplace. Congratulations.

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Note: In selecting tomato plants, seek wilt and blight resistant varieties.

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Lovely display of tulips in bloom at Travellers Inn.

While pushing my lawnmower, I scared a large toadfrog, and he hopped off to safety. The incident reminded me that Virginia has always had gifts of Mother Nature. One of the early settlers, Robert Beverly, wrote about a huge frog he found, saying "of so prodigious a magnitude that when I extended its leg, I found the distance betwixt them to be seventeen inches and a half."

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Which brings up the matter of spelling. Not a favorite subject for many students, spelling changes over the years. Here are some examples of proper spelling in the early days in Virginia: heavie, for heavy; newes, for news; verie, for very; noysome, for noisome; unholsome, for unwholesome; relaycon, for relation; shoinge, for shooting; howses, for houses, maydes, for maids.

More history . . . Mrs. Thomas Forrest, wife of a early settler and her maid, Ann Burras, arrived in Virginia in October, 1608. Shortly afterwards, Ann married John Laydon, a laborer, after a six-week courtship. Their first child was born a year later and was named Virginia. Note the story of Virginia Dare in North Carolina. Was the first English child born in both states named Virginia?

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Still on the subject of names and spelling, Indian Chief Powhatan died 1618. Was succeeded by his son Opitchapam and then by Opechancanough. Credit: most of above from "Virginia, The New Dominion," By Virginius Dabney, a splendid book loaned me by Mrs. Annie Laurie Sears.

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Copied from a seed advertisement: "Carrots love tomatoes, but do not plant beans near onions."

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Always proud of my alma mater, University of Richmond. The Spiders have an excellent baseball team this year. But top honors might well go to Brad Babcock. He is the veteran baseball coach at Madison University, Harrisburg. His "Dukes" are rated as perhaps the top college baseball team in Virginia. Brad is the son of Mrs. A. A. Babcock and the late Mr. Babcock, of Appomattox.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Vietnam refugee finds home in Appomattox

By BILL SHERROD

For Phong Minh Nguyen, life hasn't been easy.

At 18, he has lived through the horrors of modern warfare in Vietnam, the ever-present fear following that country's communist takeover, and the heartbreak of having to leave his family and his home.

Now, Phong finds himself in a strange land, grappling with a strange language and surrounded by people who bear not even a physical resemblance to himself.

But through the hazy shroud of this culture barrier, one thing stands clear to Phong: here in the United States he will have an opportunity to make a life for himself, free of the ghosts of a strife-ridden life he left thousands of miles behind in South Vietnam.

Phong is a Vietnamese refugee being sponsored by Group I of the Appomattox Baptist Association, a consortium of churches in this and surrounding counties. He is being housed in a trailer in Evergreen, where he awaits the arrival of four more refugees from Vietnam.

Ethel Saint John, a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church and Phong's unofficial hostess, helped the refugee tell his story to the Times-Virginian Monday, in the tiny trailer east of Appomattox.

Phong was born in Phoue Tuy Dec. 3, 1961, the youngest of four children born to Van Nhu and Thi Dau Nguyen, both officials in the government of South Vietnam.

He fled the country after the government fell to the communists. Because of his parents' status in the former government, his family was scorned and humiliated after the Viet Cong came through his village. His

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Phong Minh Nguyen, shortly after he arrived in an Indonesian refugee camp.